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the U.S. exporter. Is the transfer authorized and may the bank pay against the draft?

Answer. Yes. In accordance with § 550.515, the transfer by the Government of Libya to the bank is licensed. The funds are not blocked and the bank is authorized to pay under the letter of credit and reimburse itself from the funds.

(d) *Question.* Prior to 4:10 p.m. e.s.t., January 8, 1986, a foreign bank confirms a documentary letter of credit issued by its U.S. agency or branch for a non-Libyan account party in favor of a Libyan entity. Can the U.S. agency or branch of the foreign bank transfer funds to that foreign bank in connection with that foreign bank's payment under the letter of credit?

Answer. No, the payment of the U.S. agency or branch is blocked, unless the foreign bank made payment to the Libyan entity prior to 4:10 p.m. e.s.t., January 8, 1986.

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§ 550.418 Payments from blocked accounts for U.S. exporters and other obligations prohibited.

No debits may be made to a blocked account to pay obligations to U.S. persons or other persons, including payment for goods, technology or services exported prior to 12:01 a.m. e.s.t., February 1, 1986, except as authorized pursuant to this part.

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§ 550.419 Acquisition of instruments, including bankers' acceptances.

Section 550.209 prohibits the acquisition by any U.S. person of any obligation, including bankers' acceptances, in which the documents evidencing the obligation indicate, or the U.S. person has actual knowledge, that the transaction being financed covers property in which, on or after 4:10 p.m. e.s.t., January 8, 1986, the Government of Libya has an interest of any nature whatsoever.

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§ 550.420 Indirect payments to the Government of Libya.

The prohibition in § 550.209 on payments or transfers to the Government

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of Libya applies to indirect payments (including reimbursement of a non-U.S. person for payment, as, for example, on a guarantee) made after 4:10 p.m. e.s.t., January 8, 1986.

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§ 550.421 Setoffs prohibited.

A setoff against a blocked account, whether by a bank or other U.S. person, is a prohibited transfer under § 550.209 if effected after 4:10 p.m. e.s.t., January 8, 1986.

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§ 550.422 Exportation of services; performance of service contracts; legal services.

(a) The prohibition on the exportation of services contained in § 550.202 applies to services performed:

(1) In the United States;

(2) By an entity located in the United States, including its overseas branches; or

(3) Outside the United States by an individual U.S. person ordinarily resident in the United States; on behalf of the Government of Libya, or where the benefit of such services is otherwise received in Libya. The benefit of services performed anywhere in the world on behalf of the Government of Libya, including services performed for a controlled entity or specially designated national of the Government of Libya, is presumed to be received in Libya.

(b) The prohibitions contained in §§ 550.205 and 550.209 apply to services performed by U.S. persons, wherever located:

(1) On behalf of the Government of Libya;

(2) With respect to property interests of the Government of Libya; or

(3) In support of an industrial or other commercial or governmental project in Libya.

(c) *Example:* U.S. persons may not, without specific authorization from the Office of Foreign Assets Control, represent an individual or entity with respect to contract negotiations, contract performance, commercial arbitration, or other business dealings with the Government of Libya. See § 550.517